SUBJECT No. 171.

Opening of a Telegraph Office at Magadi.

Mr. T. Ramachandra Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—A Telegraph Office may be ordered to be opened at Magadi at an early date.

Reply of Government.—This has already been included in the urgent list of places requiring telegraphic connection.

SUBJECT No. 172.

Clearance of silt in the Hejjaji tank, Dodballapur Taluk.

Mr. Veere Gowda, Dodballapur Taluk.

Mr. Veeregowda.—The Hejjaji tank is filled with silt and consequently the capacity of the tank is reduced and the extra water coming into the tank is wasted. As such, the lands below the tank do not get sufficient supply of water. Arrangements may kindly be made to remedy this defect.

The Dewan.—The Chief Engineer will further investigate the question of diverting the feeder which is reported to be depositing silt near the weir.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Installation of electric lights at Kankanhalli.

Mr. Bindu Madhavachar, Kankanhalli Municipality.

Mr. Bindu Madhavachar.—The electric transmission line is at a distance of three furlongs from the town of Kankanhalli. Government may be pleased to accord sanction to have the electric lights installed in the town, the entire cost being advanced by the Government in the first instance and subsequently recovered from the Municipality in instalments.

Dewan.—Is the Municipality prepared to give the maintenance charges for the lights? The Electric Department will make arrangements to supply electric power for lighting and power purposes in due course to the town of Kankanhalli, *i.e.*, as soon as the reconstruction of the section house and transmission line permits.

SUBJECT No. 174.

Completion of the Maralvadi tank work.

Messrs. Bindu Madhavachar, Kankanhalli Municipality; Venkategowda and Narayana Gowda, Kankanhalli Taluk.

Messrs. Bindu Madhavachar, Venkategowda and Narayanagowda represented that the construction of the Maralvadi tank in the Kankanhalli Taluk was undertaken by Government at a cost of Rs. 39,481. Out of this amount, a sum of about Rs. 30,000 was spent on about three-fourths of the work. Owing to financial stringency, further work had been stopped. Government did not get any profit on the investment so far made, nor did the people derive any benefit from the work and prayed that Government might be pleased to complete the construction of the tank at an early date.

The Dewan.—There are no funds at present for taking up this work as the balance of work requires more than 1·5 lakhs of rupees.

SUBJECT No. 175.

Budget grant for the construction of a Town Hall at Channapatna.

Messers. P. R. Basavarajappa and V. Dasappa, Channapatna Municipality; P. Muthayya and Dase Gowda, Channapatna Taluk.

Mr. P. R. Basavarajappa.—A sum of Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned last year for the construction of a Town Hall in Channapatna. But this amount has not been provided in the current year's Budget. It is therefore requested that this amount may kindly be made available by re-appropriation from some other head.

Dewan.—Who sanctioned this Rs. 6,000.

Mr. P. R. Basavarajappa.—Government.

Dewan.—Which year?

Mr. P. Basavarajappa.—An assurance was given in the last Representative Assembly.

Dewan.—My reply was that an application might be made next year and it would be considered. No application was received. What will be the total cost of it?

Mr. P. R. Basavarajappa.—About Rs. 15,000.

Dewan:—How much is the Municipality prepared to give?

Mr. P. R. Basavarajappa.—Rs. 5,000 from the Municipality and another Rs. 2,000 from public subscriptions.

Dewan.—If the work is started, Government will consider the question of making a grant to the Municipality on this account next year.

SUBJECT No. 176.

A separate road entirely for motor traffic in Channapatna town.

Messrs. P. R. Basavarajappa and V. Dasappa, Channapatna Municipality; P. Muthayya and Dasegowda, Channapatna Taluk.

Mr. P. R. Basavarajappa.—The running of motor cars in the midst of Channapatna town has been a source of danger to the public. It is not possible to regulate the speed of the motor cars, and the drivers do not take notice of the instructions given by the Municipal authorities. So, a separate road outside the town may be made for the motor car traffic.

Dewan.—It is intended to tax busses. This will be considered after motor bus traffic regulations which are under consideration of Government issue.

MYSORE DISTRICT.

(Nos. 177 to 181.)

SUBJECT No. 177.

Cancellation of the revision Survey Settlement of Nala tracts and introduction of a fresh settlement.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Taluk; S. Thimmiah Gowda, Krishnarajpete Taluk and Bale Siddalinga Setty, Yadatore Taluk.

This subject elicited quite a warm discussion at the hands of the members interested. Mr. B. Narasinga Rao in the course of his lengthy remarks strongly advocated the cancellation or the amendment of the revised rates of assessment introduced into the nala tracts of the Seringapatam Taluk during the recent survey settlement, as there was, in his opinion, no justification for the proposed enhancement of rates; firstly, because, the so-called increase in the value of the lands which formed one of the grounds for increasing the rates of assessment was due not to any rise in the intrinsic value of the lands but to a desire on the part of the indebted raiyat to dispose of the lands; secondly because, although the price of paddy has risen, of late, it could not possibly benefit owners of small extents of land in the tract in question as the prices of other foodstuffs had also risen and besides the cost of labour had increased enormously side by side with the cost of other things; thirdly, because, the re-settlement order was issued on the 27th June 1923 and it was brought into effect from the 1st July 1923 thus leaving hardly any interval for the people affected to put forward their objections in regard to the enhanced rates of assessment; and fourthly, because, Government ought not to bring the re-settlement into effect with such great hurry simply because they were losing revenue as the re-settlement was overdue for some years.

In supporting Mr. Narasinga Rao, Mr. H. Krishna Sastry quoted a precedent in which, on the representation of the people concerned, the re-settlement of Koppa and Tirthahalli Taluks was re-considered during the regime of Sir M. Visvesvaraya and urged for a re-consideration in the present case as well. He invited the Dewan to pay a personal visit to the spot and pass orders after making a through investigation into the affair.